

Amendment to SB 111-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 Local Option-Town Charters; Town Charters. Amend RSA 49-D:2, I to read as follows:

4 I. As distinguished from adopting a city form of government described in RSA 49-C, a town
5 may adopt a charter pursuant to RSA 49-B which abolishes the open town meeting and vests all
6 legislative authority in a town council as the elected body, ***with the same powers and authorities***
7 ***as a city council under RSA 49-C subject to the provisions of RSA 41:16***, or, in the alternative,
8 vests authority to make appropriations in a budgetary town meeting. A charter establishing this
9 form may reserve authority by the voters, at a referendum, over amendments to land use ordinances
10 pursuant to RSA 675 and approval of bond issues consistent with RSA 33.

11 2 Town Clerk; Election and Bond. Amend RSA 41:16 to read as follows:

12 41:16 Election and Bond. Every town at the annual meeting shall choose, by ballot, a town clerk,
13 who shall record all votes passed by the town while ***she or*** he remains in office, and discharge all the
14 duties of the office according to law. ***The position of town clerk shall be elected regardless of***
15 ***the form of government established under RSA 49-D.***

16 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies that towns which adopt town council-town manager charters have the same powers and authorities as city councils under RSA 49-C. It also requires that town clerks be elected regardless of the form of municipal government.